

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Synchronizing system for ~~manual~~ transmissions, comprising: having

a gear ~~(12)~~,

a shift sleeve ~~(14)~~ which is displaceably engaged with the gear ~~(12)~~ by internal teeth ~~(16)~~ of the shift sleeve, and ~~having~~

thrusters ~~(26, 26', 26'', 26''')~~ disposed between the gear ~~(12)~~ and the shift sleeve ~~(14)~~, ~~which have~~ each thruster having:

a box-shaped casing ~~(32)~~ and a ~~spring~~ ~~(34)~~ held in an axial slot ~~(24)~~ of the gear ~~(12)~~, ~~and~~

a spring resting on ~~the~~ a bottom ~~(36)~~ of the casing ~~(32)~~, and

a pressure member ~~(28)~~ biased by the spring against the internal teeth ~~(16)~~ of the shift sleeve ~~(14)~~, ~~characterized in that~~ and

the casing ~~(32)~~ of the thruster ~~(26, 26', 26'', 26''')~~ rests so as to be ~~while~~ able to tilt on ~~the~~ a bottom of the slot ~~(24)~~ of the gear ~~(12)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) Synchronizing system of claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the pressure member ~~(28)~~ is a catch

which engages a recess (30) in the internal teeth (16) of the shift sleeve (14).

3. (Currently Amended) Synchronizing system of ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ the casing (32) of the thruster (26, 26') is a body molded from plastic.

4. (Currently Amended) Synchronizing system of claim 1, ~~wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the pressure member (26) is held in the casing against loss by crimps (38) formed on the walls of the casing (32).

5. (Currently Amended) Synchronizing system of claim 1, ~~wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the bottom (36) of the thruster casing (32) is rounded.

6. (Currently Amended) Synchronizing system of claim 1, ~~wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the thruster casing (32) forms projections (42) on the radially outer ends thereof, which reach into the spaces between the internal teeth (16) of the shift sleeve (14).

7. (Currently Amended) Synchronizing system of claim 6, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the projections (42) are rounded at

the free end ends thereof, the rounding corresponding to an arc centered on ~~the~~ a radially inner end of the thruster ~~(26, 26')~~.

8. (Currently Amended) Synchronizing system of claim 1, ~~wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the casing ~~(32)~~ of the thruster ~~(26)~~ is in the shape of one of:

a square post, and or
a rectangular post.

9. (Currently Amended) Synchronizing system of claim 8, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the thruster ~~(26)~~ has a 90° plane of symmetry with respect to its longitudinal axis.

10. (Currently Amended) Synchronizing system of claim 1, ~~wherein one of the claims 1 to 7, characterized in that~~ the casing ~~(32)~~ of the thruster ~~(26')~~ has at ~~the~~ a radially outer end a thickened head ~~(46)~~ of rectangular plan which extends in ~~the~~ a lengthwise direction of the slot ~~(24)~~.

11. (Currently Amended) Synchronizing system of claim 1, ~~wherein one of the claims 1 to 10, characterized in that~~ the bottom of the casing ~~(32)~~ of the thruster ~~(26'', 26''')~~ and the bottom of the slot ~~(24)~~ are conformed to one another over contoured surfaces ~~(56, 58, 60, 62)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) Synchronizing system of claim 11, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the casing (32) of the thruster (26") has a recess (56) which is engaged by a projection (58) formed on the bottom of the slot (24).

13. (Currently Amended) Synchronizing system of claim 11, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the casing (32) of the thruster (26") has a projection (60) on its bottom which engages a recess (62) in the bottom of the slot (24).